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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN IMPLANTABLE MIDDLE EAR HEARING AID, AND THE RESPONSE OF A PATIENT WEARING SUCH A HEARING AID"

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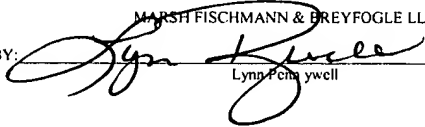
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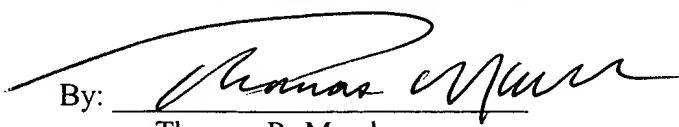
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